

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council work session** held Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 5:30
2 p.m., with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street, and via Zoom.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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6 Mayor Clark Wilkinson

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8 Council Members Gina Hirst
9 William Ince
10 George McEwan
11 Robyn Mecham

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13 **MEMBER ABSENT** Spencer Summerhays

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15 **STAFF PRESENT** Brant Hanson, City Manager
16 Lisa Romney, City Attorney
17 Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder
18 Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
19 Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
20 Dave Walker, Public Works Department
21 Kevin Campbell, City Engineer
22 Jacob Smith, Administrative Services Director
23 Mackenzie Wood, Assistant Planner
24 Cory Snyder, Community Development Director

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26 **CULINARY WATER CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN**

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28 Public Works Director Mike Carlson spoke of past culinary water projects and needed
29 future projects, and emphasized the cost of materials had significantly increased in recent years.
30 Mr. Carlson recommended an annual increase in the Public Works Budget to keep up with
31 infrastructure costs, with a review of the increase every five years. He explained efforts to
32 coordinate infrastructure projects to reduce the number of cuts after a street surface was laid.

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34 City Engineer Kevin Campbell said aquifer preservation was a key goal with the Culinary
35 Water Capital Facilities Plan. He explained the Public Works Department alternated which wells
36 they were pumping from to allow aquifers to replenish. Mr. Campbell stated the Porter Lane well
37 had been out of use for some time and needed to be replaced. He said he did not recommend
38 attempting to redrill at the current Porter Lane well site.

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40 Mr. Campbell reviewed projects included in the Culinary Water Capital Facilities Plan with
41 the Council. City Manager Brant Hanson spoke of grants available through the State to help with
42 aquifer storage and well recharging. Mr. Campbell commented the City had sufficient water rights
43 to cover needs over the next forty years. Responding to a question from Councilmember Ince,
44 Mr. Hanson said he understood the Legislature was discussing options to get more water back to
45 the Great Salt Lake, and said he anticipated conservation and water right issues would get
46 complicated at the State level. Mr. Campbell said Centerville was a small player when it came to
47 streams and channels that fed into the Great Salt Lake.

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49 Councilmember McEwan asked what staff recommended regarding public education. The
50 Council reviewed a map of the existing water distribution system, including Water Main leaks. Mr.

1 Carlson and Mr. Campbell answered questions regarding pipe materials used. Councilmember
2 McEwan asked about lead content of fittings and fixtures in the culinary water system. Mr. Carlson
3 said Centerville had always been below the State requirement, and said he could obtain the
4 information and send it to the Council. He spoke of efforts to switch to new meters to help with
5 monitoring.

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7 The Council and staff discussed the possibility of a water rate increase to keep up with
8 water system infrastructure needs. They reviewed the previous water rate increase approved by
9 the City Council. Mr. Campbell suggested one strategy would be to bond for larger improvements
10 and use the regular budget for Main Line replacements. Councilmember McEwan said it was
11 important to him that the community understand the total cost of ownership of the system, with
12 the numbers representative of the whole system. He said piecemealing it would seem like hiding
13 the problem. Responding to a comment from Mr. Hanson, Councilmember Hirst said she liked
14 the idea of incorporating a CPI. She commented that a bond interest rate may in some years be
15 lower than an annual inflation rate. Mr. Carlson said he would continue to look for grant
16 possibilities.

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18 Councilmember McEwan expressed a desire to direct staff to bring back
19 recommendations regarding public education on a possible water rate increase. He commented
20 that the approval process for grants could take years, and said he was in favor of moving forward
21 more quickly, particularly because of increasing construction costs. Councilmember Hirst
22 commended Mr. Carlson and the Public Works Department for management of the Centerville
23 water system. Mr. Campbell explained the City tried to do two or three major street/water projects
24 every year in in partnership with irrigation and utility companies. He commented that the irrigation
25 companies did not have the annual budget for more.

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27 Councilmember McEwan said he would love for Rocky Mountain Power to work with the
28 City to bury power lines along Main Street the next time Main Street was broken up.
29 Councilmember Mecham responded that burying power lines was cost prohibitive, and said she
30 did not think Rocky Mountain Power would be interested. Mr. Hanson said a Rocky Mountain
31 Power representative had indicated willingness to have the conversation with the Council.
32 Councilmember McEwan said he knew government funding was available for disaster-prone
33 areas. Mr. Carlson recognized and thanked Public Works Department staff for work well done.

34 35 **SPRING CLEANUP**

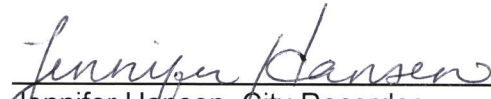
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37 Dave Walker, Public Works Department, expressed support for the Spring Cleanup
38 program, and said the City had experienced excellent participation with how the Spring Cleanup
39 had been conducted in recent years. He shared cost estimates, and answered questions from the
40 Council. Councilmember McEwan said he had noticed tree branches and debris on streets around
41 Community Park (particularly Frontage Road) during Spring Cleanup in the years since the
42 method changed from curbside pickup to park drop-off.

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44 Councilmember Mecham said she felt the former curbside pickup method was a very
45 beneficial service for the community. She said she had noticed some of the yards in the City were
46 not as clean as they used to be before the switch to the drop-off method. Councilmember Mecham
47 questioned some of the curbside pickup cost estimates, and spoke of neighboring cities
48 continuing to offer curbside pickup service. The group discussed cleanup methods used by other
49 cities. Councilmember McEwan said there would need to be clear communication to the residents
50 that a return to curbside pickup would involve certain limitations (such as placement of green
51 material in the park strip rather than gutter). Councilmember McEwan expressed interest in a RFI

1 for a five-year curbside pickup contract. Mr. Walker spoke of the importance of community
2 members reaching out and helping each other. He recommended specific dates for the 2022
3 Spring Cleanup event. Councilmember Hirst suggested continuing with a central drop-off location
4 in 2022, with further discussion later.

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6 **ADJOURNMENT**

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8 Mayor Wilkinson adjourned the work session at 7:08 p.m.
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14 Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder

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19 Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

